

Record of Environmental Consideration (REC)

REC FY05-23

From: DPW, Environmental Division

Project title: Construction of Southern California Edison Power Line

- 1. Project Description:** Southern California Edison is constructing a 33KV power line from Goldstone Road along Outer Loop Road and ending up at the water tank near Bicycle Lake road. The pole line will travel along Outer Loop until it reaches an area near Burro Lane. From that point it will proceed northwest through the desert until it is past the Confidence Course, and then it will run straight toward the water tank on Barstow road near Bicycle Lake turnoff. The poles will be 40 feet above the ground the entire length. The three lines will be configured with the centerline being below the outside two lines to provide for bird protection. When the pole line is running along the Goldstone Tank trail, it will be located 40 feet from the centerline of the tank trail. The power line is being constructed in support of the Fiber Optics Network and to provide power to the Large City MOUT complex.
- 2. Mission Effects:** The mission of the NTC and Fort Irwin is to "Provide tough realistic combined arms and joint training focused at the battalion task force and brigade level, to assist commanders in training the soldiers, leaders, and units of America's army for success on the modern battlefield. Provide feedback to improve the force. Take care of soldiers, civilians and family members." The project will aid the mission by starting the process of getting power to Tiefert City.
- 3. Location:** Start by coming out of the ground at Goldstone Road and go around Outer Loop Road and connect close to the water tower along the western side of Barstow Road. Following along the Goldstone Tank Trail.
- 4. Environmental Effects:** This project takes place inside the cantonment area and along heavily traveled trails and roads. The project area provides very little value as sensitive wildlife habitat, and does not support large amounts of vegetation. There are no threatened or endangered plant or animal species that use the area for habitat. The area has already been disturbed and this project is not going to add any adverse environmental effects to the area.

Two major concerns with the project are the line creating problems with air traffic and the possibility of unexploded ordinance (UXO) in some of the area that the line will go through. Both G3 Aviation and Range Control have been consulted via phone calls and both have cleared the area for construction.

- 5. Anticipated date and/or duration of proposed action:** Mid May, 2005

- 6. Screening Criteria for Using a Categorical Exclusion:** This Categorical Exclusion/Record of Environmental Consideration meets the screening criteria as required in 32 CFR 651.29 (a). The action has not been segmented. No exceptional circumstances exist as defined under section (b) of 32 CFR 651.29. One (or more) CX encompasses the proposed action. There will be no cumulative effects on the environment as a result of this action. This action is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. There are no threatened or endangered species (or critical habitat), significant archaeological resources, National Registered or National Register eligible historical sites, or other statutorily protected resources.


7. Reason for using record of environmental consideration:

- a. Is covered in an existing __EA__EIS entitled and dated: _____


The EA/EIS may be viewed at: _____

- b. Is categorically excluded under the provisions of CX **E-2** 32 CFR 651 (March 29,2002), Subpart D, (and no extraordinary circumstances exist as defined in paragraph 4-3), because:


Acquisition, instillation, and operation of utility and communication systems, mobile antennas, data processing cable and similar electronic equipment that use existing right-of-way, easement, distribution systems and/or facilities.


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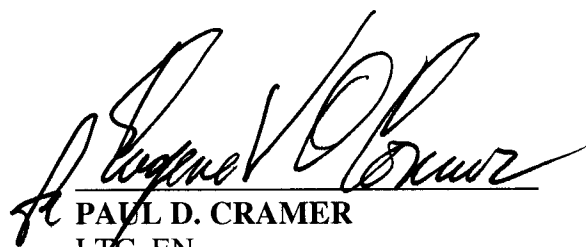
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Ryan:

Put a little more in the project description. See the attachment. Thanks Mickey

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